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REMARKS

Claims 29-57 are pending in this RCE application. These claims are based upon various combinations of the previously examined claims, and are believed to be sufficiently distinguished from the cited art as to be allowable there over.

In the Final Rejection, Claims 19, 20, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over EP 0 299 459 A2. In view of the cancellation of these claims, this rejection is now moot.

Claims 2-15 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over EP 0 299 459 A2 in view of Huang et al (US 5,284,584) and Miyagi et al (US 5,114,508). In view of the cancellation of these claims, this rejection is now moot.

Claims 16-18, 21, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang et al (US 5,284,584) in view of EP 0 299 459 A2 and Miyagi et al (US 5,114,508). In view of the cancellation of these claims, this rejection is now moot.

Claims 24-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang et al (US 5,284,584) in view of EP 0 299 459 A2 and Miyagi (508) as in claims 16 above, and further in view of Niermeyer (702). In view of the cancellation of these claims, this rejection is now moot.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time for the filing of this response. The initial response deadline for the Final Rejection response was January 1, 2005. A three-month extension of time moves that date to April 1, 2005.

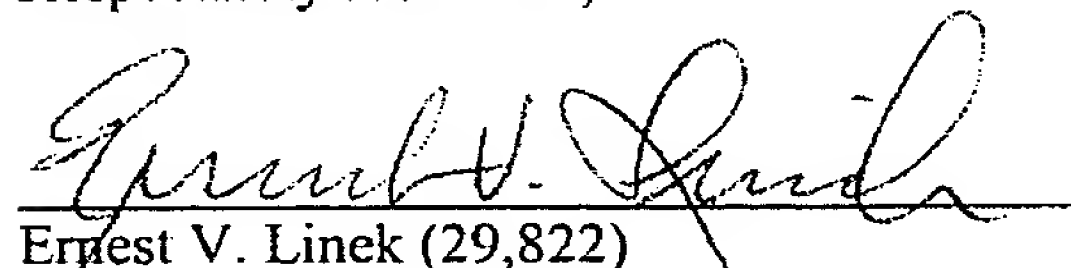
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